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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to issue a patent in the instant application.

As these documents are written in a language other than English, English language abstracts are annexed thereto explaining its relevancy in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 (a)(3).

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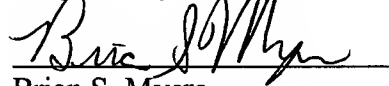
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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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